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ANNOUNCING CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY

FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE BY AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND
LINOWITZ IN PANAMA AT 7:30 P.M. EDT:

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATIFIED TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE AND
OUR PANAMANIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE TODAY REACHED AGREEMENT IN
PRINCIPLE ON THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A NEW TREATY -- AND A
NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. OUR LEGAL SPECIAL-
ISTS WILL CONTINUE WORKING TO EXPRESS PROMPTLY THOSE ELE-
MENTS IN THE FORMAL TREATY.

THOUGH THIS IS BUT ONE STAGE IN THE COMPLETION OF OUR
HISTORIC TASK, IT IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD OUR MUTUAL GOAL.
WE WILL BE FLYING BACK TO WASHINGTON TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
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IMMEDIATELY TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT
CARTER. WE WILL DESCRIBE TO HIM THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE
DURING THIS FINAL WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND PRESENT FOR
HIS REVIEW THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. IT HAS BEEN A LONG
AND ARDUOUS TASK, AS YOU KNOW. FOR MORE THAN 13 YEARS,
UNDER 4 PRESIDENTS, WE HAVE SOUGHT A NEW AND MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. NOW WE HAVE

TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THAT LONG SOUGHT GOAL.

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE
CONFIDENT THAT THIS TREATY WILL NOT ONLY PROTECT BUT
STRENGTHEN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. IT WILL ALSO
BE A STRONGLY POSITIVE ELEMENT IN OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP
WITH OUR LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS AND PRESERVE OUR VITAL
COMMON INTERESTS IN AN OPEN, SECURE AND EFFICIENT CANAL.
END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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